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DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE JUSTICE
Virginia Beach Detention Center
Virginia Beach, Virginia
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Present: Kim Downing Aida Pacheco James Turpin
Courtney Penn Richard Sparks

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order promptly at 10:03am by the Board Chairman, Richard Sparks.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

On MOTION duly made by Mr. Turpin, seconded by Ms. Downing, the agenda was approved. Motion carried.

III. INTRODUCTIONS

Guests included Carolyn Lincoln, Member of the Advisory Board of the Department of Human Services/Social Service for Virginia Beach, Sharon Havens, Superintendent of Hanover Juvenile Detention Center; David Jones, Regional Manager for Virginia Beach, Bruce Bright, Court Service Director for Virginia Beach; Joyce Wingate, Supervisor of Intake Unit in Virginia Beach; Olymphia Rainey, Supervisor of CHINS Unit in Virginia Beach; Debbie Jackson, Supervisor of Probation Unit for Virginia Beach; Diane Floyd, Supervisor of Probation Unit in Virginia Beach; Gloria Bartley, Supervisor of a Parole Unit in Virginia Beach; Valerie Thompson, Supervisor of a Parole Unit in Virginia Beach; Judy McReynolds, Probation Officer and Volunteer Coordinator; Dr. Michael S. Ito, Acting Superintendent at Beaumont Juvenile Correctional Center; Pete Withers, Superintendent of the Virginia Beach Detention Center; Susan Winters, Administrative Assistant for the Virginia Beach Detention Center; Carey Patterson, Assistant Superintendent of Programs for Virginia Beach Detention Center; Robin Stamper, Assistant Superintendent of Operations/Budget; Melinda Jarvis, Post-Disposition Coordinator; James Laster, Supervisor at the Virginia Beach Detention Center; Dr. Terry Jenkins, Director of Human Services; Dawn Smith, Assistant to the Secretary of Public Safety.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On MOTION duly made by Mr. Turpin, seconded by Ms. Pacheco, the minutes were approved for the February 9, 2005, Board meeting. Motion Carried.

V. COMMENTS OF PUBLIC

None.

VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Secure Services Committee

1. Certifications

On MOTION duly made by Mr. Sparks, seconded by Mr. Turpin to certify Crater Detention Home for three years with a plan presented at the June Board meeting to reduce the number of residents so that the rated capacity is not exceeded. Motion carried.

On MOTION duly made by Mr. Sparks, seconded by Ms. Downing to certify Northern Virginia Detention Center for three years. Motion carried. Mr. Turpin sustained on this issue because he was immediate past-Chair of commission.

On MOTION duly made by Mr. Turpin, seconded by Mr. Sparks to certify Northwestern Regional Juvenile Detention Center for three years with a status report in September on compliance with mandatory standards. Motion carried.

On MOTION duly made by Mr. Turpin, seconded by Mr. Sparks to certify Rappahannock Juvenile Detention Center for three years. Motion carried.

On MOTION duly made by Mr. Turpin, seconded by Mr. Sparks to certify Virginia Beach Juvenile Detention Center for one year. Motion carried.

Proposal to increase the capacity from 31 to 35 for Highlands Juvenile Detention Center was deferred until the June 8, 2005 meeting.

Progress report was made in sub-committee regarding Beaumont by Dr. Ito and there is definite improvement in conditions from the last meeting. The committee received a full report on the closing of Barrett. Jobs were found for everyone from the facility and the closure was smooth

On MOTION duly made by Mr. Turpin, seconded by Mr. Sparks to approve the "State Share of Detention Construction Costs- Methodology for Additional Reimbursement" as presented. (This increases the amount per bed that will be reimbursed by the state and specifics will be received at the June meeting.) Motion carried.

Dr. Ito, Acting Superintendent with Beaumont was asked to explain the current status of Beaumont relative to the concerns voiced in the February 9, 2005 board meeting. One of the main concerns was staff inter-actions during emergency procedures in communications with the wards, which is 80% completed. Regarding appropriate communication interaction with staff; training has been incorporated throughout the facility. A program is also being created with respect to incentive type measures for wards, which would reward them for good behavior.

B. Non-Secure Services Committee

1. Certifications

On MOTION duly made by Mr. Penn, seconded by Ms. Downing, to certify the 2nd, 9th and 30th District Court Service Unit and the Tidewater Regional Family Oriented Group Home System for three years with letters of congratulations for 100% compliance. Motion carried.

On MOTION duly made by Mr. Penn, seconded by Ms. Downing, to certify the 1st, 28th, Single Point of Entry for three years. Motion carried.

On MOTION duly made by Mr. Penn, seconded by Ms. Downing, to certify Sheltercare of Northern Virginia for three years. Motion carried. Mr. Turpin abstaining from vote due to being past-Chair for the commission in Northern Virginia.

On MOTION duly made by Mr. Penn, seconded by Ms. Downing, to extend the current certification of Anchor House to September, 2005 for a status report on compliance with corrective action plan and consideration for a three year certification at that time. Motion carried.

On MOTION duly made by Mr. Penn, seconded by Ms. Downing, to certify the Chesterfield Group Home for three years. Provide a status report in September, 2005 on compliance with mandatory standards. Motion carried.

On MOTION duly made by Mr. Penn, seconded by Ms. Downing, to certify Fairfax Girl's Probation House for three years provided the VJCCA plan is amended to reflect approved funding. Motion carried.

On MOTION duly made by Mr. Penn, seconded by Ms. Downing, that the Fairfax County VJCCA Plan for FY 2005 – FY 2006 be amended as requested, adding the Girl's Probation Home to the Plan. Motion carried.

On MOTION duly made by Mr. Penn, seconded by Ms. Downing, to certify Hampton Place for three years. Provide a status report in September, 2005 on compliance with mandatory standards and facility repairs. Motion carried.

VII. OTHER BUSINESS

A. Board Policies 07-006 and 12-007 Regarding Research Minimum Standards For Research Involving Human Subjects or Records of Department of Juvenile Justice.

On February 9, 2005, the Board's Minimum Standards For Research Involving Human Subjects Or Records Of The Department of Juvenile Justice became effective. That regulation provides safeguards for juveniles who might be subjects of proposed research projects, and provides a process for reviewing and approving proposed research projects, including oversight by a human research review committee.

As part of its ongoing review intended to coordinate discrete policy statements with Board regulations and standards, the Department has compared and contrasted policy 07-006 (Juvenile Participation in Research) and policy 12-007 (Medical, Pharmaceutical and Cosmetic Experiments Prohibited) with the newly promulgated research standards. The Department recommends that policies 07-006 and 12-007 be rescinded, inasmuch as the Minimum Standards for Research addresses the same subject matter in greater detail than the policy statements themselves. The recommendation is to rescind these two policies.

On MOTION duly made by Ms. Pacheco, seconded by Ms. Downing, to rescind policy 07-006 (Juvenile Participation in Research) and policy 12-007 (Medical, Pharmaceutical and Cosmetic Experiments Prohibited). Motion carried.

B. Virginia's Long-Range Youth Services Policy

Board members have discussed the Long-Range Youth Services Policy issue several times and after the last meeting there was circulated a draft. In the board packet a summary of this was included and a copy of the comments submitted.

Internal staff has reviewed all the comments and submit to the board for consideration of the current status of recommendations for Long-Range Youth Services Policy. It was thought this would help to provide direction for the Department through any transitions that might be coming. No action was needed at this board meeting. This document was presented for discussion and a decision will be made at the June 8, 2005 meeting.

VIII. DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS

Mr. Jones commented on the "mothballing" of the Barrett Correctional Center. Barrett is at zero population and staff has been gradually moved to other places throughout the system to fill vacancies. There are plans for future discussion with Hanover County regarding utilization of the property at Barrett. No personnel were laid off as a result of the closing of Barrett. The transition was extremely smooth due to the excellent utilization report presented to the General Assembly done by the staff.

The utilization plan also called for the removal of the female population from Culpeper to Bon Air facility which took place. We continue to move forward from seventy-two to a one hundred and ninety-one population at Culpeper with a male population.

Mr. Jones commented on his most recent appointment to the Norfolk Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court Judgeship and thanked the board for all their support.

IX. BOARD COMMENTS

Comments and congratulations were made to Director Jones on his judicial appointment by all the board members.

Mr. Penn commented on the gang activity in his Roanoke area that is starting to work its way in to Virginia. Mr. Penn would like to discuss this issue at the June board meeting and what the department's future plans are in addressing this issue. Director Jones commented that Governor Warner has given us as a department a charge of dealing with the surge of gang activity and this issue will be put on the June agenda for discussion.

Director Jones presented Lapel Pins to all the board members from the Governor's office.

Mr. Sparks pointed out that four of the board member's terms will terminate on June 30th, however the reality is that board appointees will continue serving until a replacement or reappointment has been made.

Mr. Howard commended the Virginia Beach Detention Home's staff for their excellent programs. A tour of the facility will follow the board meeting.

There was a brief overview given of the mentorship and volunteerism programs/services existing in the Virginia Beach area.

The next Board meeting will be held at the Department of Juvenile Justice in the Board Room on June 8, 2005.

XI. ADJOURN

On MOTION duly made by Mr. Turpin and seconded by Ms. Pacheco, the meeting was adjourned at 12:10pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara A. Jones